

Comprehensive Plan Amendment No. 04020

RESOLUTION NO. A-_____

1 WHEREAS, the Planning Director has made application to amend the 2025
2 Lincoln-Lancaster County Comprehensive Plan to amend the Mobility and Transportation
3 section to upgrade existing US Highway 77/West Bypass from an expressway to a freeway
4 beginning at the planned South Beltway interchange just south of Saltillo Road and ending at
5 Interstate 80; to construct new interchanges at Pioneers Boulevard and Warlick Boulevard; to
6 close access to US-77 at Rokeby Road, Yankee Hill Road and Old Cheney Road; and to
7 change the future functional classification of US-77 from I-80 to the South Beltway interchange,
8 the South Beltway and the East Beltway to freeway status;

9 WHEREAS, the Lincoln City - Lancaster County Planning Commission has
10 recommended approval of said proposed amendment.

11 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of
12 Lincoln, Nebraska that the 2025 Lincoln-Lancaster County Comprehensive Plan be and the
13 same is hereby amended in the following manner:

14 1. Amend the Mobility and Transportation element of the Comprehensive
15 Plan to indicate the following proposed updates and additions to the Comprehensive Plan by
16 amending the Lincoln Area Street and Road Improvements 2025 map on page F105 as shown
17 on Attachment A to:

- 18 a. Replace the US-77 and Pioneers Boulevard "Overpass/
19 Interchange Study" designation with an "Interchange" designation.
- 20 b. Remove the "Overpass/Interchange Study" designation for the
21 US-77 and Old Cheney Road intersection.
- 22 c. Add a "Study" symbol at US-77 and Old Cheney Road, Yankee
23 Hill Road, and Rokeby Road reflecting the intent to "Study" for a
24 potential overpass at project development stage and prior to
25 closure.

2. Amend the Mobility and Transportation element of the Comprehensive Plan to indicate the proposed updates and additions to the Comprehensive Plan by amending the Future Functional Classification: City Streets map on page F103 and the Future Functional Classification: County Roads map on page F104 as shown on Attachments B and C respectively to:

- a. Change the classification of US-77 from I-80 to the planned South Beltway interchange, the South Beltway, and the East Beltway to freeway classification from their current principal arterial classification.

3. Amend the Mobility and Transportation element of the Comprehensive Plan to update the status of the Nebraska Department of Roads' US-77 study by amending the text under Federal and State Improvements on page F106 to read as follows:

- *"The Nebraska Department of Roads is ~~presently studying~~ has completed study of portions of State US Highway 77 as it passes through Lincoln. This study ~~will give~~ gave consideration to upgrading the facility to freeway status from its present classification as an expressway. This upgrade ~~would~~ will require eliminating existing at-grade intersections. These intersections could be replaced with interchanges, overpasses or underpasses, or the road connection could be eliminated all together and with no crossing provided. Additional review and study will be conducted, as needed, at project development stage for the potential of adding an overpass at the intersections recommended for US-77 access closure. These intersections include Rokeby Road, Yankee Hill Road, and Old Cheney Road.*

As part of the implementation of this project to upgrade US-77 to freeway status the needs of pedestrians and bicyclists will be addressed. It was affirmed during the study process that the proposed pedestrian and bicycle crossing points at the planned Pioneers Boulevard interchange and at the abandoned railroad

right-of-way south of the planned Warlick interchange would be provided. The existing US-77 bridge structures over the abandoned railroad right-of-way are intended to remain and be used to separate US-77 traffic from pedestrians and bicyclists, and the design of the new Pioneers interchange is to contain a multi-use trail facility. An extensive system of trail facilities is planned within this area extending along both the east and west side of the US-77 corridor. The US-77 trail connections will allow pedestrians and bicyclists between the new growth area to the west and the existing urban area and the Wilderness Park Trails system to the east of US-77. Also, the City, County, and State will work together to resolve bicycle access issues that will result from the upgrading of this segment of US-77 to freeway status. The City, County, and State will collectively work together to provide a comparable alternative for cyclists.”

4. Amend Mobility and Transportation element of the Comprehensive Plan to add proposed projects and studies that relate to the findings of the US-77 study by amending the text on page F111 to:

a. Add to the list of Proposed Projects the following:

- US-77/West Beltway Upgrade to Freeway Status Upgrade to Freeway
from I-80 to South Beltway
- < Construct new interchange at Pioneers Blvd. Interchange
- < Construct new interchange at Warlick Blvd. Interchange
- < Close access to US-77 at Rokeby Rd., Access Closure
Yankee Hill Rd., and Old Cheney Road

b. Add to the list of Proposed Studies the following:

- As part of the US-77/West Beltway project, study for a potential overpass at project development stage and prior to closure at US-77 and Old Cheney Road, Yankee Hill Road, and Rokeby Road.

c. Remove from the list of Proposed Studies the following:

- ~~Old Cheney Rd. And US-77: Overpass/Interchange Study~~
- ~~US-77 and Pioneers Blvd.: Overpass/Interchange Study~~

1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that any other references in said plan which may
2 be affected by the above-specified amendment be, and they hereby are amended to conform
3 with such specific amendment.

Introduced by:

Approved as to Form & Legality:

City Attorney

Approved this ____ day of _____, 2004:

Mayor